



**ERIE COUNTY**

## **PROMOTIONAL EXAM**

*Please refer to our internet address at: [www.erie.gov](http://www.erie.gov)*

**A NON-REFUNDABLE \$10.00 PROCESSING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION  
(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY – PAYABLE TO: ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL)**

# **CHIEF BACTERIOLOGIST**

**NO. 74-128**

**NOTICE:** Erie County no longer maintains a file of applicant transcripts. Exam applicants must be prepared to provide documentation of educational qualifications (transcript, diploma, etc.) to the hiring agency prior to appointment. Documentation may also be submitted with the exam application.

**ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER**

**\$45,887 - \$56,965**

THIS EXAMINATION IS OPEN TO ALL QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER. At present there is one vacancy.

The eligible list resulting from this examination will not supersede currently existing promotional eligible lists for this title, if any. The duration of all promotional eligible lists is four years from date of establishment unless otherwise indicated.

**QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE FOR TAKING THE TEST:** Candidates must be permanently employed in the competitive class and must be serving and have served continuously on a permanent or contingent permanent basis in the competitive class for 36 months immediately preceding January 14, 2004 as a Chief Bacteriology Technician.

Persons who are currently employed under Section 55a, New York State Civil Service Law, and who meet all the above eligibility requirements in the non-competitive rather than competitive class may compete in this examination.

**DUTIES:** A *Chief Bacteriologist* supervises routine and special microbiological analyses and examinations (microscopic, cultural, biochemical, and molecular) of blood, sputum, feces, and other body fluids, and related specimens; performs advanced procedures in bacteriology covering the isolation, identification and classification of microorganisms for control of infections caused or carried by air, water, insects, water purification, sewage disposal or food poisoning; conducts research and special studies in the development of new techniques, discovery and identification of microorganisms, standardizes procedures, in bacteriology, parasitology, mycology, and mycobacteriology; prepares cultures, various media and solutions; assigns work to employees; ensures that QA policies and procedures are followed; trains employees in laboratory techniques and new methods; reviews reports, and renders technical assistance with analyses; coordinates the work with other divisions and outside agencies; requisitions supplies; initiates new procedures and follows-up on their effectiveness; keeps abreast of latest developments in the field.

A medical examination may be required before appointment.  
**VETERANS: PROOF OF SERVICE MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE LIST IS ESTABLISHED  
TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL POINTS. (See application for more information.)**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY  
JANUARY 14, 2004**

**- SEE REVERSE SIDE -**

**SCOPE OF EXAMINATION:** There will be no written or oral test for this examination. Candidates who meet the minimum qualifications will receive a rating based on an evaluation of their training and experience against the background of the duties of the position.

**WHERE AND WHEN TO SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION** – First, you must provide a complete summary of your relevant training and experience in the employment application available at the local civil service agency. Remember that your application must be submitted to the local civil service agency by the date specified in this announcement. If your application is conditionally approved, you will then be provided with a Training and Experience Questionnaire.

This questionnaire must be completed and returned to the local civil service agency by the deadline stated on the questionnaire. **Your rating on this portion of the examination will be based solely upon the information you provide in the Training and Experience Questionnaire. Candidates who fail to return a completed questionnaire will be DISQUALIFIED.**

The questionnaire is **NOT** a substitute for the application. You must fill out both documents completely and accurately.

**Carefully read the minimum qualifications stated on the announcement and be sure that the description of your training and experience addresses these minimum qualifications.** Be sure to provide sufficient details on your application to show how your experience is relevant to the minimum qualifications.

## INFORMATION FOR PROMOTION CANDIDATES

Unless otherwise indicated, the eligible list resulting from this examination will have a duration of four years and will not supersede existing promotional lists, if any.

**RATINGS REQUIRED:** Test is rated on a scale of 100 with a passing mark at 70. Test instructions may further divide the tests into parts and set minimum standards for each part.

Points will be added to scores of candidates who achieve a passing mark as follows:

Seniority: For each year of service in the classified service:  
Less than 1 year.....0 points  
1 year up to 6 years.....1 point  
Over 6 years up to 11 years.....2 points  
Over 11 years up to 16 years.....3 points  
Over 16 years up to 21 years.....4 points  
Over 21 years.....5 points

**VETERANS:** Disabled and non-disabled veterans as defined in Section 85, New York State Civil Service Law, will have 10 and 5 points, respectively added to their earned scores if successful in the examination. You must claim these credits when you file application but you have an option to waive them any time prior to appointment. If you have already used these credits for a permanent position in NYS, you may not claim them again.

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, **CHILDREN OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY** shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**APPLYING FOR EXAMINATIONS IN MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS ON SAME DATE.** If you have applied for any other Civil Service exams for employment with New York State or any other local government jurisdiction, you must make arrangement to take all the exams at one test site.

If you have applied for both State and Local government exams, you must make arrangements to take all your exams at the State exam center by calling (518)457-7022 no later than two weeks before the test date.

If you have applied for other local government exams, call or write each Civil Service Agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for these arrangements no later than three weeks before the date of the exams. You must notify all local government civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the which you wish to take your exam(s). For this exam call (716)858-7509 or write Erie Co. Personnel Dept., 95 Franklin St, Buffalo, NY 14202.

**MILITARY STATUS:** Active duty military personnel may file an application for this exam. A special military make-up examination will be conducted for any member of the armed forces of the United States who has duly filed a timely application but who was deprived of the opportunity to compete in the scheduled exam due to active military duty. Special conditions apply to these requests and may be reviewed at the Erie County Department of Personnel.

**ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION:** Notice to appear for the test will be conditional as review of application for minimum requirements may not be made until after the written test. Call or write this Department if you have not received your notice 3 days before the date of the test. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Applicants whose religious beliefs prevent their taking examinations before sundown on Saturday and physically handicapped candidates who require special examination facilities should so inform the Erie County Department of Personnel, by a separately mailed letter at the earliest possible date before the test.

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:** If a subject of the examination, training and experience may not be rated if all passing candidates are expected to be immediately reachable for appointment. If rated, training and experience will be based on the statements in your application subject to verification. If this examination includes a qualifying written test, candidates admitted to the test will have conditional approval only. Final decision regarding the qualifications of candidates rests with the New York State Department of Civil Service.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR EXAMINATION:** You may take the examination if you meet the following requirements: (a) Meet the qualifications as printed in the announcement; (b) you have been separated from the service and permanently reemployed within one year, (c) your name is on a preferred eligible list.

**NOTICE:** Any person, otherwise meeting the requirements for an examination, who is laid off from any agency for which the examination is being held, and whose name is presently on a preferred list is eligible to compete in the examination. When completing their applications such persons should be title and location of their last permanent Civil Service employment.

**APPLICATION FORMS:** You may obtain these forms in person at the Erie County Personnel Department, Rath County Office Building, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo. Forms are also available in the libraries and at Town, Village and School District administrative offices.

**\*\*IMPORTANT APPLICATION FEE - READ CAREFULLY\*\*** A \$10 filing fee is required for this exam. The required fee must accompany your application. Send or bring check or money order made payable to Erie County Personnel Department and write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. Do not send or bring cash, as the County cannot be responsible for cash payment. As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

